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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: GENE INVOLVED IN GROWTH-  
PROMOTING FUNCTION OF ACETIC ACID  
BACTERIA AND USES THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to issuance of the patent, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 for the above-captioned patent application.

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